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Governor signs Sen. Kuipers' Reagan memorial bill

LANSING – Sen. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, announced today that the governor has signed his legislation that forms a commission to oversee construction of a monument in honor of former President Ronald Reagan.

The commission will oversee the design, location and construction of the monument. It will solicit plans for the project, select a final design and raise money for it.

"President Reagan led the United States during some of the most crucial years in the late 20th century," Kuipers said. "He'll be forever remembered for how he dealt with and confronted the Soviet Union in the final years of the Cold War."

The memorial monument commission will have as members the state treasurer, attorney general and secretary of state, or their designees, as well as seven members appointed by the governor. Two members each would be recommended by the Senate majority leader and speaker of the House. An additional member would be recommended by the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation.

Kuipers' legislation, introduced as Senate Bill 1317, is now Public Act 489.

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